

VILLAGE OF LAKE BARRINGTON
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
HELD APRIL 11, 2013
Approved

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Barrington was held at the Village Municipal Center, 23860 Old Barrington Road, on Thursday, April 11, 2013, and was called to order by President Pro Tem DeJesu at 7:04 p.m. Village Clerk Peterson was appointed Recording Secretary.

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Upon the roll being called, the following Trustees were physically present at said location: Trustees DeJesu, Raclaw, Schaller, and Schofield.

The following Trustees were allowed by a majority of the members of the President and Board of Trustees in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the President and Board of Trustees to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: None

No Trustee was denied the opportunity to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following Trustees were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Trustees Burke and Mitchell.

Staff Present: Village Administrator Martin, Village Accountant Vernon,
and Village Clerk Peterson

Others Present: Village Attorney Bateman

President Richardson entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

President Pro Tem DeJesu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. REVIEW APPLICATION FOR BUSINESS, RESTAURANT & LIQUOR LICENSES:
SFBIV ENTERTAINMENT INC.

Mr. Martin reported a liquor license application was submitted for a proposed sports bar and grill to be located at the RSVPs II location at 28682 W. Northwest Highway. He indicated no action would be taken this evening and that President Richardson, as liquor license commissioner, would make the decision on whether or not to issue a liquor license. Mr. Bateman advised that no ordinance will be required, because the license held by RSVP would be surrendered thus making the liquor license available.

Mr. Martin introduced Steven Beard, principal of SFBIV Entertainment Inc. Mr. Beard informed the Board he is proposing a sports bar and grill with an outdoor entertainment area which would include two volleyball courts, a roofed bar and deck with outdoor seating similar to other businesses in other communities amongst other changes to the menu and premises. This concept would fill a void in the immediate area for this type of establishment. He has spoken with the current property owner to encourage having the building repainted and the parking lot repaved.

Mr. Beard, who is the owner of Northwest Asphalt, a Lake Barrington business, shared information about himself which included bar and restaurant experience.

Board Discussion

Mr. Beard answered questions regarding his previous business experience; and the target market, the layout concept, and the entertainment and food options proposed for the business. He emphasized the focus would be on the volleyball courts and providing an outdoor experience to fill a gap for that type of establishment in this area. Discussion was held regarding other similar establishments in Lake County. He would consider live entertainment, though it is not a prioritized option at this time as his focus is on the outdoor experience. Mr. Bateman advised the outdoor use of amplified noise should be examined. Discussion was on held the distance to the nearest residences. Upon inquiry, Mr. Beard shared the status of his dealings with the property owner and the business currently occupying the space.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Beard and Mr. Bateman shared information regarding a misdemeanor in Mr. Beard's criminal background check.

Ms. Peterson provided information regarding the liquor licensing process.

The Village will communicate to Mr. Beard if application is approvable after Mr. Martin shares tonight's discussion with President Richardson who serves as the liquor commissioner.

It was confirmed the liquor license application requires a copy of the lease, and that if approved, the license would be issued following the submittal of all fees and documents including the lease.

Mr. Beard stated he would like to provide a copy of the lease and a status report at the May 7th Board meeting.

4. FY 2014 FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP

Mr. Martin informed the Board the workshop is to consider items in preparation of the financial plan and to have a discussion on how to move forward with the general budget and capital budget.

General Fund FY2013/FY2014

Mr. Martin reviewed the General Fund, in particular, trends and projections in revenues and expenses and how they relate to the draft General Fund FY2014 Financial Plan. He noted Fidelity Motor Group reached its sales tax rebate cap and that FMG's sales tax revenue has surpassed all of the past dealerships. Discussion was held regarding building permit revenue and status of the Enclave and Tallgrass developments. Revenues, in general, are projected to decrease by 1% next fiscal year. The last few years included several extraordinary revenue sources including the repurposed open space funds and proceeds from a land sale to Citizens For Conservation.

Decreases in interest income and building permit revenue have impacted the ability to provide funds for capital projects. With the current financial structure, it is proposed that no General Fund monies will be used for infrastructure projects. Expiring contracts and payroll were reviewed. The Village will need to buy a copier this year.

Ms. Vernon provided information regarding the amortization of the new dump truck and she confirmed the Cuba Township Road District has title to the vehicle. Discussion was held on the terms of the intergovernmental agreement related to the new truck and the benefits of the truck purchase to residents through reduced costs and a higher level of service. Trustee Schofield gave background information on how the intergovernmental agreement with the Cuba Township Road District and the subsequent dump truck purchase were established.

Expenses are increasing for bonding. Discussion was held regarding the higher level of bonding the Village obtains compared to what other villages normally get. The Board came to a consensus to leave the level of bonding the same in light of the situation in Dixon, IL.

Mr. Martin indicated there is not a lot of activity in the Motor Fuel Tax and Water and Sewer funds. MFT funds will be used for road projects in two neighborhoods and the replacement of Woodland Bridge.

Expenses are budgeted to be reduced by 18% next fiscal year which does not include the increase in the waste hauling contract.

Waste Hauling and Road Program Options

The Waste Management contract expires in September. Mr. Martin reviewed quotes from Waste Management, one providing for the rectangular recycling tubs, and the other providing all residents with toter recycling garbage bins. It was noted the size of the bins are 96, 64 and 35 gallon containers after concern was expressed over the size of the toter bins in LBS.

Mr. Martin explained Waste Management provides a discount to the Village, because the Village pays the bill thus eliminating the cost to send individual bills to all households, and because Lake Barrington Shores is a denser community resulting in easier pick up routes. SWALCO feels Waste Management is providing a great deal to the Village. The option with the toters is a \$28,000 increase over the previous year and would result in a budget deficit.

Mr. Martin recalled that when he joined the Village 6-7 years ago, it was not reinvesting in the Village's infrastructure and that over the last few years the Village implemented an aggressive road and drainage program without impacting the general operations of the Village.

Mr. Martin reviewed a chart which outlined the annual total and per household operating expenses for several communities. The Village's total operating expenses is much lower than the others plus the other communities do not pay the waste hauling bill.

Discussion was held regarding the specific benefits that different parts of the community receive from the Village and the need to share this information with residents.

Mr. Martin presented a comparison of past and recent interest income and building permit revenues and spoke about the impact of the significant decreases in these revenues on the ability to fund capital projects.

Discussion was held on the future pace of the infrastructure program.

Future Fiscal Years – Options

Mr. Martin indicated the current revenue structure may be sufficient to cover operating expenses, but will not be able to fund capital improvements. Several options are available for the Village to generate additional revenues to continue with its road program, allowing the Village to alternate General and MFT funding for road projects, and to enhance the waste hauling services. He provided the benefits, concerns and projected revenues/savings/cost for the following options:

- Direct Bill Waste Hauling
- Telecommunications Tax and Utility Tax (Increase from 1%)
- Waste Hauling Property Tax Levy
- Miscellaneous (Other options such as video gaming, local sales tax increment, and OTB)
- Delay Road and Drainage Program and Implement Operating Reductions

Staff recommended the Village consider raising the telecommunications and utility taxes to better ensure funding is available to continue with the capital improvement program as road and drainage work are expected and necessary services to maintain the community character and property values, and to upgrade and enhance its garbage collection services.

Following discussion, the Board came to a consensus to examine increasing the telecommunications and utility taxes. The Village currently levies 1%. Generally, most villages that have these taxes levy the maximum, 5% for utility tax (gas and electric), and 6% for telecommunications tax. It is a user tax with the least amount of impact or paradigm shift for residents as the taxes are already in place plus concern was not raised when the taxes were initially enacted.

Discussion was held on developing a communications plan to explain to residents the benefits they receive from the Village. President Richardson suggested having an open house to share information with residents regarding the Village finances and financial planning, and to provide them with an opportunity to provide input regarding the current revenue challenges.

Mr. Martin will provide a presentation of the draft financial plan at the May meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Schaller and seconded by Trustee Raclaw to adjourn the meeting. The voice vote was unanimous, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Peterson
Village Clerk